

Arlington Recycling Committee  
Minutes of 5/2/13

**PRESENT:** Co-Chair Juli Brazile, Co-Chair Gordon Jamieson, DPW Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Janice Pare, Sue Stamps, Erica Riddington, Andra Shea, Secretary Pete Howard

**ACT Arlington Clean Town:** Andra described an effort to combine spring cleanup efforts into one weekend (Ref 1). The first effort will be 5/11. Charlotte said DPW is considering a more formal form to request DPW pickup of debris collected after such cleanup efforts.

**CURBSIDE TRASH & RECYCLING APPEARANCE:** Andra showed photos of messy curbside bins, cardboard and uncovered barrels. Charlotte said that the next MSW guide will address this problem. Gordon suggested that DPW make several size bins available to suit different household needs.

**RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** Charlotte updated her monthly report based on tonnage through March (Ref 2). She showed the balance in the ARC budget as \$1780. She suggested using most of the remainder to buy new attractive bins for public events, some more plastic bag folding frames for schools, and materials to stock cleanup kits to supply community cleanup efforts. This totals \$848 plus labels and shipping. Erica requested 2 compost bins for Brackett. The members agreed to a total of \$928+shipping/handling. Charlotte will proceed & report next month.

**ART 4 PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES:** The ARC, at a special meeting before Town Meeting, agreed to support this effort by SAVE. Despite a good presentation by the SAVE proponents, the Town Meeting did not pass this article. Because of a misunderstanding w/ the Moderator, Gordon was not called to give the ARC's endorsement. Gordon suggested buying and distributing reusable water bottles w/ recycling logo together with a renewed effort on reusable shopping bags

**CCD 5/11:** Need more workers in 2nd shift. Flyer distributed at Town Meeting. Gordon will follow up w/ Diane Mahon for sneaker delivery volunteers. Charlotte suggested and the ARC approved requesting a donation to the Food Pantry from residents going to the paper shredder.

**BUSINESS RECYCLING:** Sue reviewed her efforts to get hauler permit to explicitly require haulers to offer recycling pickup. She has run into a bureaucratic snarl. Gordon to discuss w/ the Town Manager. Charlotte reported that the DPW Director suggested that DRM might like to solicit businesses that are using other haulers. This seems to be a promising approach. Addendum: Meeting with Town Manager set for mid-May.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Eric resigned. Erica & Janice volunteered. Ellen volunteered earlier. This brings membership to 9, a full roster. Gordon will let the Moderator & Webmaster know.

**TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS (Not addressed above)**

- Letter to Governor - Follow-up w/ other communities
- Recycling Promotion Articles
- Recycling Bin Map
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Plastic film recycling
- Bulk item collection
- Kitchen waste composting

FUTURE MEETINGS: meeting 6/6/13 First Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall Annex unless otherwise announced.

Ref 1 ACT now

Ref 2 Recycling Coordinator Report

# ACT now!

## Let's Make ARLINGTON SHINE

Join the Arlington Clean Team (ACT) in conjunction with the Arlington DPW for the **First Annual Town-Wide Clean Up Event!** Individuals and organizations welcome.

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### WHEN

**May 11, 9am - 12 noon**

### WHERE

**Pick up your bag** at the municipal parking lot on Mystic Street (Rte 60) just North of Mass Ave. *(where the Farmer's Market takes place)*

### HOW

At the municipal lot you'll be assigned a section of the town to help clean. Stay for as little or as long as your time permits. And **please wear green** to show your support for ACT.

### WHY

Arlington is a beautiful, thriving town but certain places are always covered with litter. Let's join forces and make our town shine!

All bags should be dropped off at the municipal lot or the DPW when you're finished. **Coffee and snacks will be provided at the start.**

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*If you have any questions, email [maya\\_goldberg@hotmail.com](mailto:maya_goldberg@hotmail.com). Please share this with friends, neighbors, relatives, etc. to let them know how they can be a part of this great event!*

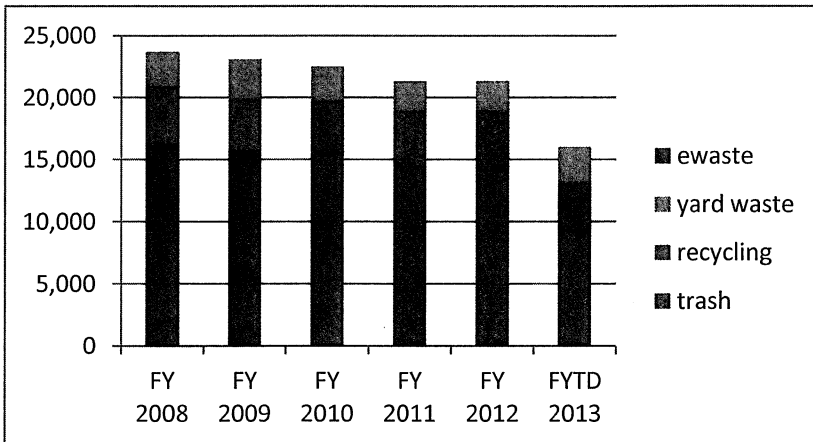
**We hope to see you there!!!**



Arlington MA  
Municipal Solid Waste Content and Tonage

Ref 2

	trash	recycling	yard waste	ewaste	MSW tons per household (22,607 hhds)
FY 2008	16,232	4639	2881		FY 2008 0.72
FY 2009	15,740	4165	3216		FY 2012 0.63
FY 2010	15,493	4244	2799		<b>Mass MSW Master Plan Goals</b>
FY 2011	14,538	4395	2332	72	baseline MSW 16,232 tons
FY 2012	14,248	4652	2381	68	30% by 2020 <b>10,875 tons</b>
FYTD 2013	9,257.00	3917	2869		50% by 2050 <b>8,116 tons</b>



Date	Purchase	Cost	Balance
1-Jul-12	Starting balance		\$ 3,000.00
17-Nov-12	CCD snacks reimburse to Teresa D	30	\$ 2,970.00
Mar-13	discount on New Age composters	up to 800	\$ 2,170.00
20-Mar-13	Trashformations prizes	100	\$ 2,070.00
11-May-13	ReFoamIt at CCD	250	\$ 1,820.00
11-May-13	CCD snacks	30	\$ 1,790.00

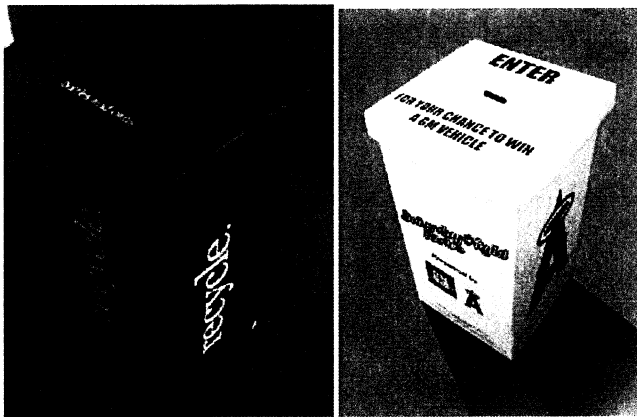
**Requests**

NEW recycle collectors for public spaces	x 15	\$439 plus shipping and printing
Clear Stream recyclers for school	x 5	\$259 plus shipping
Community Clean Up Kit		\$150

## Request for Public Space recycling containers

### NW Packaging corrugated plastic containers

- Use for temporary events
- Possible use as seasonal recycling containers for sports teams
- Foldable, easy to carry in cars
- Use with a sandbag for windy weather
- Can be personalized by company
- Can be further personalized by our sign shop
- \$29 each up to 100, plus personalization and shipping
- Request 5 for open space use plus 10 for piloting with sports groups



### Clear Stream Foldable recycling containers

- Purchase in set of 5 for \$259 plus shipping
- Bags may be acquired for free- I will follow up before purchasing additional bins
- Currently used in 5 elementary schools- 2 elementary, middle and high schools left
- Request one set to loan to remaining schools

